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Amendments to the Claims:

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Claim 1 (original): An animal shedding control device comprising:

a first layer including a first material, wherein the first layer has a first layer perimetric edge, and wherein the first material is hook material having hooks adapted to capture detritus;

a second layer including a second material, wherein the second layer has a second layer perimetric edge, and wherein at least a portion of the second layer perimetric edge is coupled to the first layer perimetric edge such that the first and second layers define a bag-like space that is at least partially enclosed.

Claim 2 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the first material is micro-hook material.

Claim 3 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the second material is a nonwoven material.

Claim 4 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the second material is an elastomeric material.

Claim 5 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the second material is micro-hook material.

Claim 6 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the device is a mitt.

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- Claim 7 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the device is a pet bed enclosure.
- Claim 8 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the device is a grooming tool cover.
- Claim 9 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the first layer is coupled to the second layer using adhesive.
- Claim 10 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the first layer is coupled to the second layer using ultrasonic bonding.
- Claim 11 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the first layer is coupled to the second layer by sewing.
- Claim 12 (original): The device of claim 1, further comprising a thumb space.
- Claim 13 (original): The device of claim 1, further comprising a finger loop within the space.
- Claim 14 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the first layer further includes adhesive.
- Claim 15 (original): The device of claim 14, wherein the adhesive is positioned on the hook material.
- Claim 16 (original): The device of claim 1, further comprising a sealing mechanism.
- Claim 17 (original): The device of claim 16, wherein the sealing mechanism uses hook material.

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Claim 18 (original): The device of claim 16, wherein the sealing mechanism is a zipper-like device.

Claim 19 (original): The device of claim 16, wherein the sealing mechanism is an adhesive.

Claim 20 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the device is disposable.

Claim 21 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the first and second materials are one piece of the same material, wherein the first layer and the second layer are two portions of the piece, and wherein one of the first and second layer is folded over the other of the first and second layer.

Claim 22 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the space is sized to substantially enclose a human hand.

Claim 23 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the space is sized to substantially enclose a pet bed.

Claim 24 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the space is sized to enclose a portion of a grooming tool.

Claim 25 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the first material consists essentially of hook material.

Claim 26 (original): A shedding control device comprising:

a bag-like body including

an outer surface including micro-hook material; and

an interior space, wherein the body is adapted to be turned inside-out to create a second interior space.

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Claim 27 (original): A method for controlling animal shedding, the method comprising:

donning a mitt having

a first layer including a first material, wherein the first layer has a first layer perimetric edge, and wherein the first material is hook material having hooks adapted to capture detritus; and

a second layer including a second material, wherein the second layer has a second layer perimetric edge, and wherein at least a portion of the second layer perimetric edge is coupled to the first layer perimetric edge such that the first and second layers define a bag-like space that is at least partially enclosed;

petting an animal having detritus such that detritus is captured in the hooks; and disposing of the mitt.

Claim 28 (originals): The method of claim 27, further comprising turning the mitt inside-out to enclose the detritus.

Claim 29 (original): The method of claim 27, further comprising sealing the mitt.

Claim 30 (original): A method for controlling animal shedding, the method comprising:

placing a device over an animal bed, the device having

a first layer including a first material, wherein the first layer has a first layer perimetric edge, and wherein the first material is hook material having hooks adapted to capture detritus; and

a second layer including a second material, wherein the second layer has a second layer perimetric edge, and wherein at least a portion of the second layer perimetric edge is coupled to the first layer perimetric edge such that the first and second layers define a bag-like space that is at least partially enclosed;

allowing an animal to use the bed such that detritus is captured in the hooks;

removing the device from the bed; and

disposing of the device.

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Claim 31 (original): The method of claim 30, further comprising turning the device inside-out to enclose the detritus.

Claim 32 (original): The method of claim 30, further comprising sealing the device.

Claim 33 (new): An animal shedding control device comprising:

a first layer including a first material, wherein the first layer has a first layer perimetric edge, and wherein the first material is hook material having hooks adapted to capture detritus;

a second layer including a second material, wherein the second layer has a second layer perimetric edge, wherein at least a portion of the second layer perimetric edge is coupled to the first layer perimetric edge such that the first and second layers define a bag-like space that is at least partially enclosed, and wherein the first layer is coupled to the second layer using one of adhesive, ultrasonic bonding, or sewing.

Claim 34 (new): An animal shedding control device comprising:

a first layer including a first material, wherein the first layer has a first layer perimetric edge, and wherein the first material is hook material having hooks adapted to capture detritus;

a second layer including a second material, wherein the second layer has a second layer perimetric edge, wherein at least a portion of the second layer perimetric edge is coupled to the first layer perimetric edge such that the first and second layers define a bag-like space that is at least partially enclosed, wherein the first and second materials are one piece of the same material, wherein the first layer and the second layer are two portions of the piece, and wherein one of the first and second layer is folded over the other of the first and second layer.